



General Undergraduate Requirements Committee

September 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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Theodorea Berry called the General Undergraduate Requirement Committee (GURC) to order at **11:30 AM**.

The following committee members attended the meeting:

Theodorea Berry, Wayne Bowen, Vance Geiger, Amy Thomas, Brigette Kovacevich, Chrissy Cruz, Jason Fridrich, Woo Hyoung Lee, Angela Rounsaville, Kersten Schroeder, Christa Diercksen, Elena Fitsyan, Stephanie Krick, Iris Rios.

The **April 6, 2021** meeting minutes were approved.

Welcome:

Presenter: Theodorea Berry

- Berry introduced herself and thanked all present for joining the group. She explained that this group was previously called CPAC. A recommendation from this group was made to change the name to better suit what we do as a group, which resulted in the Faculty Senate approving the proposal and changing the name to General Undergraduate Requirements Committee (GURC) last spring.
- Berry indicated that the primary focus of this group is to address any changes, proposal to changes, recommendations or discussions around general education program courses, and the

way those courses may impact the student's ability to be successful.

- Recommendations from Student Government focusing on the availability of certain courses were approved.

Electing a Committee Chair:

Chair- Christa Diercksen by unanimous vote

Vice Chair- Stephanie Krick by unanimous vote

- Diercksen and Krick will meet with Berry and Bowen to arrange the agenda for next month's meeting.

General Education Program – GEP:

- Bowen stated that Berry appointed him to take the lead for this academic year due to the retirement of Melody Bowdon. The program is moving forward with two faculty fellows joining, Amy Darty, History, working on faculty development and Annabelle Conroy, Political Science, on assessment.
- Bowen explained that an initial email was sent to the GEP faculty who participated in previous events encouraging them to assess their courses and enroll in the GEP faculty development learning community on campus. A one-page GEP infographic containing statistics and data will be sent later this month updating the status of the work that Bowdon and her team accomplished. Opportunities will be available for faculty to be involved in either an assessment task force or GEP teaching squares. Bowen said that they are looking forward to other opportunities next semester. Additional communication is forthcoming later this month.
- Berry asked if there will be opportunities for faculty who teach or have taught GEP courses to assess the ways in which the new models are working for them. Bowen answered that this is one of the opportunities mentioned. An assessment task force will be

formed with members from each of the five GEP areas, in which assessment will be the main topic.

- Berry invited Bowen to update the group on Kuali. Bowen explained that Kuali is the replacement for Curriculog. It has two main components, Catalog, which went live in August, and Curriculum Management going live on September 22. Bowen added that this is the process by which faculty members and departments submit courses and program changes. This committee's role will be to be involved in any courses that are part of the general education program undergoing significant revisions. Scheduled quality training will be provided and recorded for those unable to participate when offered.
- Rounsaville asked about assessment targets for the foundations for this semester. Bowen answered that this semester all faculty are encouraged to participate. Involvement will be reevaluated toward the end of fall semester to determine how to proceed in spring.
- Krick stated that Kuali for now is designed for course changes, but when should we expect it to be all set for program changes. Bowen replied that if the program change is high priority related to an accreditation or external significance, exceptions will be entertained.

Meeting Adjourns at 11:33 AM.